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In re Application of Johnson et al. Application No. 09/459,138 Filed: December 10, 1999 Attorney Docket No. 7040R OFFICE OF PETITIONS
DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b), filed October 15, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper response to a final Office Action which was mailed on September 6, 2001. The final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). An advisory action mailed July 15, 2002 informed applicant the amendment filed on January 28, 2002 (certificate of mailing November 6, 2001) did not place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, this application became abandoned on December 7, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 15, 2002.

The requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR §1.137(b) have been met. This petition is hereby **Granted**.

The change of correspondence address submitted with the instant petition has been entered and made of record.

The Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the previously filed amendment of January 28, 2002 (certificate of mailing date November 6, 2001) will be forwarded to Technology Center 1700 for further processing.

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